

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 691

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jaron Toney upon being named the Gatorade and *ESPN Rise Magazine's* 2009-2010 Tennessee Football Player of the Year.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful student athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such athlete is Alcoa High School senior running back Jaron Toney, who was recently named the Gatorade and *ESPN Rise Magazine's* 2009-2010 Tennessee Football Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, this annual award recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, having just broken the state record for rushing touchdowns in a single season in the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association playoff semifinals, Mr. Toney led the Alcoa Tornadoes to an unprecedented sixth straight BlueCross Bowl championship win, scoring all three touchdowns in the contest and being named the game's offensive MVP for the second year in a row; and

WHEREAS, not only an exceptional athlete, Mr. Toney maintains a 3.43 grade point average, volunteers in his church's youth group as well as local youth football programs, and is a talented saxophonist; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Toney's determination, work ethic, and talent have not only made possible a memorable and successful football career, but also surely point toward his success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Jaron Toney epitomizes the spirit and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Alcoa High School senior running back Jaron Toney upon being named the Gatorade and *ESPN Rise Magazine's* 2009-2010 Tennessee Football Player of the Year and wish him every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.